

GRUER IS SHOT DEAD IN PRESENCE OF WIFE

Police Believe Astoria Killing Is Result of a Banditti Feud.

THEFT NOT ATTEMPTED

Lather Is Held in \$17,770 Greenpoint Bank Robbery Dec. 15.

ARRESTS IN BIG FUR HAUL

Two Chauffeurs Accused of Knowing of \$5,000 Loss in Third Ave. Store.

A murder in Long Island City, believed by the police to be a banditti affair, and the arrest of a man charged with holding up and robbing a bank messenger of \$17,770 on December 15 were the most eventful of New Year's Day criminal activities.

Joseph Tarantino, aged 51, a grocer, 233 Hoyt avenue, Astoria, was killed at ten minutes before midnight on New Year's eve by a man who entered his shop and, without any apparent provocation, shot down the grocer in the presence of his wife.

His wife, Angelina, said she heard talking in the grocery store beneath the living quarters of the family, and entered to see a man in the doorway draw a pistol. He fired, she said, and the bullet pierced Tarantino's cheek. The man ran out and, joining a party, fled. The wounded man was sent to St. John's Hospital, where he died within an hour. The bullet had penetrated his brain.

A lather, John Rodgers, aged 29, of 222 East Ninety-fifth street was arrested by Detective Thomas Devery of Brooklyn on suspicion of connection with the hold-up of William Marling and Henry Leister, bank messengers of Greenpoint National Bank, 149 Greenpoint avenue. Four gunmen robbed the messengers of \$17,770 at Eighty-third street and Lexington avenue. The bank employees were on their way to the bank at the time. Rodgers was arrested at 27 Greenpoint avenue. Magistrate Harry H. Dale, in Williamsburg Court, held Rodgers without bail.

John McCullough, aged 22, of 743 Second avenue was arrested Saturday night in an East Forty-second street cafe charged with carrying a revolver. At a hearing before Magistrate Thomas M. McAndrews in Yorkville Court he was held yesterday for further examination to-morrow. Ale Glickstein, aged 23, of 24 Sheriff street, was held under \$1,000 bail by Magistrate McAndrews for examination to-morrow on a charge of grand larceny. Glickstein was charged with disposing of a truck load of beef valued at \$200 as an aid to the striking meat workers.

Anthony Mayo, aged 24, of 615 East 124th street, and James Bulfaro, aged 32, of 320 Pleasant avenue, chauffeurs, were held yesterday for examination to-morrow by Magistrate W. Bruce Cobb in Harlem Court charged with the theft of \$5,000 worth of furs from the store of Dennis Kaplan of 2249 Third avenue on December 29.

Joseph Sheridan, aged 25, of 167 East Ninety-ninth street was held without bail by Magistrate Cobb for examination to-morrow on a charge of grand larceny. Sheridan was charged with the robbery of Ernest M. Zampopolis, a bootblack, aged 22, of 395 West Forty-second street, on December 27. Both will have a further examination to-morrow.

Harry and James Mundy, brothers, of 225 East 104th street, were held under \$2,000 bail each yesterday for examination to-day in Harlem Court on a charge of stealing \$3 from William Brennan. The Mundys denied guilt.

RIS PARK GIFT TO NAVY AROUSES OPPOSITION

Sinking Fund Commission to Hold Hearing Soon.

When the proposal that the city donate to the Navy Department ninety-five acres of Jacob A. Ris Park, at Rockaway, to be used as a permanent aviation site, is considered by the Sinking Fund Commission at an early date it will meet with strong opposition, according to the Committee on Nonpartisan Facts, which is headed by former Comptroller Herman A. Metz.

While the committee's statement yesterday indicated no stand on the question it recited a history of the park, which might be expected to excite opinion in favor of keeping it intact, and pointed out that the Mayor and acting Comptroller Henry Smith have said they are opposed to the principle of giving the land away. Meanwhile the Navy Department has taken the stand that unless the city gives a site to the department for the aviation base it will build the station at some other point on the northern Atlantic coast.

GRAND JURY IN 'L' BRUCK TO HEAR OF OLD CARS

Dineen Will Dwell on Out of Date Equipment.

Benedict D. Dineen, Assistant District Attorney in charge of homicides, will continue to-day the investigation of the wreck of a Ninth avenue elevated train Friday night, in which one man was killed and thirty-seven persons were injured. He will present the matter to the present Grand Jury, probably this week.

A charge of manslaughter, pending against Anthony Albraccio, of 10 Maple avenue, The Bronx, motorman of the train, will form the basis for the Grand Jury inquiry.

Both Mr. Dineen and the Transit Commission, which also is conducting an investigation, regard the matter of the character of the wrecked equipment as of foremost importance. The cars were of wood and very old, the car in which most of the injuries occurred having been forty-two years old.

LIVING UP CARS SUNDAY BALL AND MOVIES

Blue Law Advocates, Led by Dr. Bowlby, Will Work at Albany for Repeal of Legislation—Motion Picture Theater Men Will Have Two Fights.

When the Legislature convenes in Albany this week the blue law advocates of New York will be there in force to renew their efforts for the enactment of a law against Sunday baseball and Sunday movies. That, while not altogether unexpected, has been known definitely yesterday when Dr. H. L. Bowlby stated that the Lord's Day Alliance, of which he is president, has the introduction of such bills in contemplation.

MORGAN EMPLOYEE ENDS LIFE AT PARTY

George W. Taylor, Accountant, Leaves Wife at Dance to Shoot Himself.

George W. Taylor, an accountant employed for seven years by J. P. Morgan & Co., and living at 27 Winans street, East Orange, N. J., was a guest with his wife at a New Year's eve party given by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Clinton A. Smith, of 29 Winans street.

There appeared to be no reason for Taylor's act. He was happily married and was planning to buy a home with a Christmas bonus he had received last week and a raise in salary beginning with the new year. Mrs. Taylor told the police she had met her husband in New York on Saturday and that he had gone shopping, with the new home in prospect.

About a dozen couples were at the party dancing and apparently having a good time waiting to see the new year in. About 11:30 Taylor, who was dancing with his wife, stopped short and said he was going up stairs.

"You had better watch me," he said. When Mrs. Taylor heard a shot she and Mrs. Smith ran up and broke in the bedroom door. They found Taylor had pulled the trigger twice before a cartridge had exploded.

The third time he shot at the floor and the fourth time he blew out his brain. The only explanation Mrs. Taylor could offer was temporary insanity. The New Year's eve party was arranged about a week ago and Taylor and his wife worked with Mrs. Smith to make it a success. Taylor was 37 years old.

3,700 'GRAND STREET BOYS' GREET 1922

Secretary Davis and Theodore Roosevelt Among Speakers.

With one of the largest dinners and dances ever given in New York the Grand Street Boys Association, Inc., opened the New Year at the Hotel Commodore last night. More than 3,700 "boys and girls" of Grand street and the East side filled three ballrooms and several foyers and balconies. Men of every walk of life and every profession who had come originally from the East side attended the dinner.

James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor, representing President Harding, told of the opportunities this country afforded to the immigrant and advocated the deportation of all those that "preach the gospel of discontent and revolution."

Theodore Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, speaking as a "former Grand street boy" and a member of the association, said that there was no "birth control on Grand street" and it lived up to the family traditions of having lots of children.

Other speakers included Senator James J. Walker, Judge Max S. Levine, Judge Otto A. Rosalesky and Joseph Levenson. Motion pictures of the dinner and other days and the Grand street of to-day were shown, and a vaudeville entertainment was provided. Messages from Gov. Miller and President Harding were read.

BABY CALM IN GALE ON THIRD TRIP OVER

Artist Tells of Routing Tiger With Lighted Cigarette.

Master George Twigg arrived yesterday from his excursion by the Royal Mail liner Araguaia from Cherbourg and Southampton. He was totally unaware that he had passed through one of the greatest cyclonic storms that ever held up a British steamship in the transatlantic lane. George is 8 months old, but has crossed the Atlantic three times since he was born in London. He has made several trips over the channel and is so familiar with the motions of a ship that he cared nothing about the tumult of one of the fiercest trips ever recorded between Gravesend and Sandy Hook.

On the same liner there arrived Miss Mabel White, a blonde young English girl, who said that she had come to marry Richard W. Twigg, a young aviator, with whom she became acquainted when she was entertaining wounded men of the air service in a hospital in England.

WHAT MAKES TEACHERS UNHAPPY? IS ASKED

Organization Seeks Reason and Possible Remedy.

A "Happiness Survey" of the public school teachers of the country, and of New York particularly, in which it would be ascertained whether each teacher is happy in his or her work, and, if not, why, is the suggestion mailed yesterday by the Institute for Public Services, 1125 Amsterdam avenue, to the city's principals and commissioners.

The institute contends that the high percentage of unhappiness among teachers is the reason the applications for the work are not sufficient to meet the demand. The statement points out that since the teachers' salaries have been increased a dearth of applicants cannot be held to be the cause.

36 DEAD IN 27 HOURS, TRAFFIC TOLL

Train Hits Automobile Carrying Six Returning From New Year's Party.

Three persons were killed by the wrecking of automobiles yesterday and twenty-seven persons were injured, two probably mortally, indicating a sharp increase in traffic accidents, due to holiday celebrations.

An automobile driven across the tracks of the Susquehanna Railroad at the Riverside crossing in Paterson, N. J., was demolished by a train. Lloyd Morgan of 238 Van Hook street, Paterson, died of burns, and five other men were injured. One of them, John H. Clark, of 189 Straight street, Paterson, is believed to have a fractured skull. He is in St. Joseph's Hospital. The men had been attending a New Year's party at Hawthorne, N. J.

George Schever, 36, of Palisade avenue, was killed, and Miss Rose Lassman, 23, of 668 Tyler place, West New York, was seriously injured by the overturning of an automobile. With Albert Inauen, 25, of 560 West Twenty-third street, West New York, and Miss Lydia Mille of Cambridge avenue and Bowers street, Jersey City, they had gone to celebrate the New Year at the Park Inn, on Hudson Heights. Miss Mille had been dropped at her home and the other three were returning to West New York.

An unidentified man about 35, well dressed, was killed at Madison avenue and 115th street by an automobile driven by Julius Markofsky of 222 East 104th street and owned by Herman Frank of 472 Lenox avenue. The victim had been wearing a hat with the initials "B. G." were on the lining of his hat.

Three Hurt in Upper Fifth Avenue.

Three persons were injured at Fifth avenue and 108th street by a smashup of a taxicab and an automobile. No arrest was made and the injured were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital at St. Luke's Hospital. They were Miss Peggy Thorley, 20, of 306 West Forty-third street; Frank McCabe, 43 East 124th street, and Harry Brown of 63 East Forty-third street.

Patrolman Joseph Arnold of the Kingsbridge station stopped an automobile at Broadway and 242d street to examine the license, and another automobile passed close by, knocking him down. Charles Forbes, an automobile sales manager, of 187 West Seventy-eighth street, was arrested and charged with assault in the degree, as the driver of the car which caused the accident. Arnold was attended at Reception Hospital and taken home.

Two taxicabs were in collision at this time and 170th street, The Bronx, and Henry Wasserman of 1713 Washington avenue received scalp bruises and was taken home. Miss Mary Smith, 23, of 125 Washington street, New Rochelle, was hit by an automobile at Columbus avenue and Ninety-sixth street. Bones in her right foot were broken.

Dr. William Lutz of 1352 Carroll street, Brooklyn, and his wife received possible skull fractures last night when a taxicab in which they were riding crashed into a touring car at Canal street and West Broadway. They were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital. Six passengers in the touring car were shaken up and cut about the face. No arrests were made.

Many of the others injured were victims of reckless taxicab men or of their own indifference in crossing streets at a time when traffic was moving swiftly.

Automobile Hits 'L' Pillar.

Four persons, three of them women, were injured last night when the automobile in which they were riding was driven head on into a pillar of the Third avenue elevated structure at Thirty-third street to avoid collision with a taxicab.

Mrs. Rebecca W. Ford, 22 years old, of 1330 Fifty-third street, Brooklyn, was taken to Bellevue Hospital suffering from a fracture of the skull. The others injured were Miss Charlotte Seiden, 1333 Fifty-fifth street, and Miss Jennett Weiss, 1330 Fifty-third street, both of Brooklyn. They were attended by Horstman of Bellevue, and later left for home.

Figures made public yesterday show that more automobile fatalities occurred in New York last year than in any other previous period in the history of the State.

DIES IN BRONX HOME IN BOTTOM OF WELL

Pedler Lived Alone With His Cats.

A man who had lived happily in the bottom of a well in the Bronx was found dead yesterday of natural causes in his underground home. He was a peddler, selling safety pins, hair nets and similar articles, and for a year and a half had been a familiar figure in the section where he piled his trade and made his abode.

He kept cats, and they were fond of him. Three, were sitting swilling on the round top of the well yesterday when John Kohler of 1166 Lowerwood avenue passed. Kohler knew the peddler. The man lay dead on a mattress, the walls of the well about him as if he had died in his own tomb.

Kohler reported the case to Patrolman Edward Thompson who called Dr. Sarlin of Lincoln Hospital. The physician said the peddler had been dead for several days. They took him out of the well, and found he had \$2.46 in change.

AGED WOMAN FOUND STARVING IN ROOM

Christmas Meal Believed to Have Been Her Last.

It was raining one night eight weeks ago when Mrs. Josephine Elliot, who lives at 250 West Nineteenth street and keeps several roomers, found an aged woman huddling timidly by the front door. Mrs. Elliot took her inside, gave her some tea and food and let her have a vacant room.

The woman, who told Mrs. Elliot she was Miss Catherine Elliott, 87 years old, stayed on as a roomer, paying her rent every week with money sent by a niece who lives out of town. Miss Elliott kept to herself most of the time, taking her meals out.

When Mrs. Elliot went up to see her aged roomer yesterday she found her unable to speak above a whisper. Dr. H. B. Sutton of New York Hospital, who was summoned, called an ambulance and took the sufferer to Bellevue Hospital, where it was said she was a victim of starvation. She told Dr. Sutton that the cup of tea Mrs. Elliot had given her yesterday was the first she had had for several days. It was said last night that Mrs. Elliot's home at the Knights of Columbus building a Christmas dinner for Miss Elliott. Since then she tried to get help from a church, but, according to the other roomers, nothing else ever was given to her.

Yucatar Is Ruined by Socialist Rule

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.—A region devastated by radicalism which by drastic oppression is accomplishing its own ruin, is the description of the State of Yucatan given to the Associated Press by an influential business man. He pictured a State living from hand to mouth, its finances a wreck, its teachers unpaid and radicalism so dominant that none but a Socialist even dares to contest in the elections. Manuel Berzuanza, a youth of 25 years, has just completed a term as Governor, and on January 1 will be succeeded by Felipe Carrillo, a "Red."

MRS. STILLMAN GETS CANADA MAYOR'S AID

Crete of Grandes Piles Will Round Up Her Witnesses in North Woods.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

QUEBEC, Jan. 1.—At a moment when the plans for the trip of Mrs. Anne Urquhart Stillman into the north woods seemed to be heading rapidly toward disaster, Jean Crete, Mayor of Grandes Piles, appeared at the Chateau Frontenac to-day with the most cheering news she has heard since she arrived in Canada. A postponement of the hearing at Montreal was being considered when Mr. Crete reached here. As a result the tentative plans for a further delay of the divorce proceedings have been abandoned.

Mayor Crete convinced Mrs. Stillman that she never would be able to make the trip and that it was not necessary for her to do so. He offered, and his offer was accepted, to go for the witnesses and bring them to Mrs. Stillman at his home in Grandes Piles.

The Mayor says it is necessary that First K. de Beauvais, the former guide, named correspondent by the banker, be permitted to add in rounding up the witnesses. Mrs. Stillman does not want to agree to this, but she might run into Beauvais while in Canada was Mrs. Stillman's greatest fear in leaving New York City and was the reason she traveled by way of Springfield, Mass., and Sherbrooke, Canada, to get here.

"It is necessary that Beauvais go along," the Mayor of Grandes Piles said. "He knows the people of the valley as no other person knows them. I told Mrs. Stillman so. He must go up the river and bring the witnesses in for her last summer. I know all the people in the valley except some lumberjacks. You could dress up like a lumberjack, but you would not fool me. I recognized them."

The dates in the Mayor's books are said to conflict with those supplied by the Canadian witnesses called by the banker.

The meeting with Jean Crete has assured the success of my trip," Mrs. Stillman said. "I know now that the people of the valley are with me. Tomorrow morning we leave for Three Rivers, where I will see some witnesses and remain over night. Tuesday I will go to Grandes Piles."

Mr. O'Brien will start for Montreal in the afternoon and remain there until Mrs. Stillman returns from the north. "Bud" Stillman will accompany his wife. Three Rivers is half way down the St. Lawrence, between this city and Montreal. It is the county seat of St. Maurice county, in which are all the towns the witnesses live in.

17 NAVAL PRISONERS ESCAPE. To Jump From Transport Going Through Panama Canal.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 1.—The United States transport Henderson arrived at the navy yard here to-day with eighty-three naval prisoners from the fleet. Officers reported that seventeen prisoners had escaped since the vessel left San Francisco ten days ago. The escapees were seen jumping overboard when the ship was going through the Panama Canal and the remainder making their escape at points on the Pacific coast where the vessel stopped.

Here's Luck to You and Prosperity and a Happy New Year

Aren't you glad your coal bins are full?

So are we.

And aren't you glad the coal has been running so good?

So are we.

We want to wish a lot of people a Happy New Year, and we're going to begin at the source with the men who mined the good

and another one (same Happy Year, of course) to the operators and forwarders, and a heartfelt one to our old customers, and a nice, new shiny one to the new customers—and, while we're at it, let's all join together in wishing a glad, prosperous and happy New Year to the whole round world, which has been so banged about in the last seven years.

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FORMER GANGSTER 'PAYING THE PRICE'

Mrs. Humpty Jackson Tells About Mysterious Shots That Stirred Harlem.

Nobody tried to kill Humpty Jackson on Saturday night, and Bella, Humpty's devoted wife, didn't shoot anybody. Aside from that, all the excitement about the shooting in front of Humpty's new bird store at 67 La Salle street is true enough, for the Jacksons received a reporter yesterday in the bird store and explained that they were merely paying the price of Humpty's reformation.

In order to have a clear understanding of what this is about it is necessary to know that yesterday morning Frank Callahan, who lives next door to the bird store, 61 La Salle street, was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate House for a hearing to-morrow, when Matthew Bruhn, 111 Audubon avenue, will be able to leave the Knickerbocker Hospital and be arraigned with Callahan. By that time also it is possible that three more persons in the mob which will have been arrested. The two men under arrest are charged with felonious assault. A mysterious fight in front of the bird store lies at the bottom of it.

To let Mrs. Jackson tell it seems to be the easiest way out of the tangle. "I'm having a little feast, d'ye see," said Mrs. Jackson, for Tommy (she's Humpty) and a couple of our friends. There's a goose that I have to send around the corner, being my oven ain't big enough, and I'm paring potatoes right here in the kitchen and Tommy's sitting there talking to friends.

Jealousy Over Bird Business.

"We've had this bird store a month now and doing fine, taking in fifty a day some days and now running an apartment down in Ninetieth street, renting out three rooms, which makes the rent and leaving me with three rooms for myself. Well, we buy this bird business from a man a month ago and there's a lot of jealousy. Tommy's been straight for ten years and there's a lot of guys in the world who don't understand that a guy can be wrong and then think better of it and turn straight and keep straight."

"Well, we're sitting in the kitchen when there's a racket and a couple of shots outside and the plate glass window there in the front of the store comes in with a crash and Tommy and I run out and find a chunk of ice on the store floor back of the counter and a gun near by. I'm peeling potatoes right here in the kitchen and I have a wet rag in my hand when I run out into the store."

"The gun is so hot that I have to pick it up with the wet rag, and I run out of the store into the street with it before Tommy can grab it, and I pull, but it won't go off. I try several times and then the gun goes off twice in the air, understand, to attract the cops. There's a taxicab going up the street."

"Why am I sitting here? The charges against her depend entirely upon dates. If Mrs. Stillman can disprove these she will win, and that is what I can do. I have in my safe the books that show when Mrs. Stillman was up and down the river. Many persons tried to get these books, but I kept them safe. Many strange persons came up the valley last summer. I know all the people in the valley except some lumberjacks. You could dress up like a lumberjack, but you would not fool me. I recognized them."

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leader of the gang that used to hold forth at Fourteenth street and Avenue A has been a thoroughly respectable citizen for several years and that the tough boys of that sector of Harlem find it hard to understand. Detective Haupt- man declared that it was his opinion that the La Salle street boys had been drinking a bit New Year's Eve, and that this may have had something to do with it.

OWENS AND 2 OTHERS BACK ON FORCE TO-DAY

Detectives to Get Back Pay for Period of Suspension.

Detectives Martin S. Owens, William J. Hussey and Thomas Horan, of the police automobile squad, who were indicted by the Whitman Grand Jury for accepting gratuities, will be reinstated to-day by the Police Department, it was learned last night.

The detectives will receive eleven months' pay covering the time they have been under suspension. Judge Talley in General Sessions dismissed the indictments against them on December 12.

Important FUR SALE Beginning

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Broadtail Coats from \$1650

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Squirrel Coats from 950

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